WELCOME!

They say the first step is the hardest and in this issue we have two ‘first steps’ a church could take in talking about generosity. One is to start a conversation about legacies, and the other is to launch – or relaunch – the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS). Read on for details of both.

PGS

Although one-off gifts are wonderful, it’s regular giving that helps churches to plan their ministry with confidence. And launching (or relaunching) PGS as part of a generosity campaign has the greatest impact on how effective it is. To help churches launch PGS during Generosity Week, the PGS team has produced this downloadable guide. It includes all the wisdom the PGS team has acquired over years of helping churches launch the service to best effect.

Faith Will

Gifts in wills are a powerful way for faith to live on and create lasting change, but they can be difficult to talk about – for everyone, including those wanting to leave a gift. This autumn, and coinciding with GW, the Church of England will join with the Church of Scotland and the Quakers to be part of Christian Aid’s Faith Will initiative. You can use this Faith Will link to sign up for free resources to help you talk about legacies in your church. There’s a film, posters, leaflets and worship materials. You can even request a speaker if it seems too daunting.

Spirituality of Fundraising

The Giving team’s very own Revd Trevor Marshall has been reading A Spirituality of Fundraising by Henri Nouwen. You can read his full review here, but here are a couple of nuggets of what he’s learnt:

- **Are you going to try anything in your church?**
  “I’m going to be more proactive about prayer around gratitude and generosity.”

- **Any spiritual insights you’d like to share?**
  “Many – but I think the main one is around demonstrating that our own wealth is not our master.”

This monthly newsletter belongs to the community that reads it, so if you have a thought, a question, a link or an idea, let me know and I’ll happily share it with others annie.rey@churchofengland.org

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“I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly.”

*John 10:10*